

Amendments to the Drawings

Replacement sheets for Figs. 1-8 are enclosed which formalize the drawings which were submitted with the application. No other changes have been made.

REMARKS

Replacement sheets which formalize the drawings currently on file are enclosed. No other changes have been made. Approval by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Kay et al US Patent 6,844,891.

Claim 1 has been cancelled. There are two independent claims remaining in this case claim 2 and claim 4. Step (b) in claim 2 requires a determination of a overlap gap or an offset between the edges of adjacent swaths. Step (c) requires a determination if the overlap gap or offset are sufficient to require correction in the manufacturing process. Kay et al discloses at col. 10, lines 61-et seq., an inspection of the receiver for determining the largest amount of material from the donor. This is used to define the Z height or best focus position. Other areas of Kay et al disclose a motion controlled sequence system for controlling the position of the laser print head. But, there is no disclosure of a determination of overlap gap or offset.

Claim 4 in step (d) requires a correction of the image file if the overlap gap or offset are sufficient to require correction in the manufacturing process. There is no such disclosure in Kay et al.

Since Kay et al was copending with the present application and is not a 35 USC 102(a) rejection, under 35 USC 103(c), Kay et al is not a reference. The present invention is commonly assigned with the Kay et al patent and Andrea Rivers is a co-inventor on both cases.

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In view of the foregoing, it is believed Kay et al does not disclose or suggest the claimed invention. Accordingly, under 35 USC 103(c) this application is believed to be in condition for allowance, the notice of which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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